

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **JULY 20, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

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Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
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Doug Koellermeier
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Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Daniel Serpico
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Erik Huffman
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney

Engineering Technician
Police Department

Guests

Mike Lovely
Bill Brisson
Bill Padgham
Annie Goldner
Perry Graves
Kim Curley
Tim Larocco
Bob Brell
Jim Gattey
Larry Kieralff

Citizen, SWBNA
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Commute Options
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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for approval of the June minutes. Ms. Hartman explained that there was a request by Bob Brell to make some changes and corrections to the minutes consisting of removing the reference that Century West is helping with the pedestrian study on Portland Street; the correct Neighborhood is River West Neighborhood Association. Another change is to refer to the Bend PD pedestrian enforcement maneuvers as a Traffic Operation. The minutes will be corrected as noted; a motion was made and seconded to accept the June 2010 minutes, as corrected, the motion passed unanimously.

- 3) **Public Comments:**

Perry Graves of Mountain View Neighborhood Association asked the group what had become of the proposed signal at 27th Street and Connors. Nick Arnis explained that to date somewhere between 40 & 60 thousand dollars have been collected that are earmarked for the project. This projects' ranking is 3rd on the list.

Bill Brisson of Old Farm District Neighborhood Association asked to be kept informed of disappearing bike lane on Purcell Road that was brought to the attention of the group by Tamara Houston. Julia Wellner is looking into the issue.

Bob Brell of Century West Neighborhood Association noted that the agreement with Tethrow to make improvements to Metolius Drive has expired; the City has given the new owner an extension with modifications. The new proposal is to split the project into two phases. Mr. Brell asked the City to put in no parking signs if the project has not been completed by next year. He also commented positively on the addition of Private Drive signs that had been installed.

Jim Gattey of Century West Neighborhood Association feels that when an agreement has been part of a development where public information meetings had taken place for the original land use action and the agreement is now being changed, the public should be notified of the changes.

Bill Padgham asked about the new bike lane & path on Colorado, also asked if the rest of Century Drive is on the schedule? Nick Arnis replied that the proposed pedestrian crossing is currently not funded for construction.

Rex Wolf asked about the ranking list and if it had been updated. Nick Arnis noted that the most current list is on the Transportation Webpage.

- 4) **Agenda Review – None given.**

- 5) **Portland Avenue Stop Signs and Request for a 4-way stop at Awbrey Road.** Officer Carney reported on the pedestrian operation at Portland and Awbrey, he noted good compliance, with only a few citations given and those were not associated with pedestrians. Mr. Lovely mentioned that while the two way stop at 11th and Portland seems odd in the summer months it is needed in the winter because snow and ice makes stopping on 11th difficult. Kim Curley asked about crashes there. Mr. Arnis responded that while there are a few crashes they have been small ones. He went on to say that Portland is still lower on the ranking list than several other corridors. He has asked Annie Golden and Harold Anderson to coordinate the effort to count pedestrians this fall when school is back in session.

- 6) **Child hit in Crosswalk on 15th Street** - Erik Huffman asked to discuss this issue, noting that a marked cross walk does not make a crossing safer and can lead to a false sense of security for the pedestrian. Officer Carney reported on the details of the crash and answered questions from the group. Nick Arnis feels that, since the City gets a lot of requests, the bottom line is to follow a set of criteria to determine if a crosswalk is to be striped, with design being a key element. At the very least a pedestrian refuge is an important part of the equation.

Information Items and updates

Mt Washington bike lane issue, Cindy Hartman will work with the street department to get "no parking" signs installed.

Nick Arnis reported that some business owners are talking to him about forming a Local Improvement District (LID) to create pedestrian and parking improvements on Galveston from 14th to the River. That would be a start and maybe grants could also provide funding to make the project viable.

Jim Gattey asked if an LID has been considered at 3rd and Reed Market. Mr. Arnis replied that it is development driven at that area.

Mr. Arnis reported that there would be another public meeting tomorrow for the project at Nashville and Harmon for the Kenwood School, the project should be finished by the time school opens. He also reported that the Colorado Bike Lanes are complete and that the Tempest Trail crossing is in progress. If successful the Tempest Trail Crossing will be the model for other crossings around the City.

Comments from committee members/Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

Transportation Staff will update the committee on the status of:

- Mt. Washington Bike Lane Signing – Cindy Hartman
- Kenwood School sidewalk and parking – Robin Lewis

Adjourn 9:30 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.